(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Such programme do help, to some extent, in creating budding producers of film makers in insurgency affected areas like North-East Region where there are no big industrial houses to support and promote sponsored category programmes.

Telecasting of Royalty Programmes on DD Kendras of NER

4031. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all Doordarshan Kendras of North-Eastern Region have stopped telecasting documentaries, telefilms etc. as royalty programmes from this financial year;

(b) whether this scheme has been totally stopped now;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these types of programmes have also been stopped for the State of Jammu and Kashmir which has similar problems like the North-East; and

(e) whether Government are aware that these types of programmes help in creating budding films makers in an insurgency affected area like N.E. Region where there is no big industrial house to support sponsored category programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No funds could be allocated for this purpose to the Doordarshan Kendras of North-Eastern Region during the financial year 2000-2001. Hence programmes like documentaries, telefilms etc. made by outside producers were not telecast by the Kendras on royalty basis, during the last year.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Funds are being allotted for telecast of royalty programmes during the current financial year.